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Martin Theriault, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
Application No.: 09/698,817) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: October 26, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE)
IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE)
PLACEMENT MACHINE)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

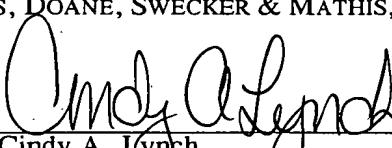
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Documents

4,704,792	Itagaki, et al.	November 1987
4,815,913	Hata, et al.	March 1989
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Foreign Documents

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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/699,001 naming Martin Theriault, et al. as inventors and filed on October 26, 2000, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

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This Information Disclosure Statement contains information which is not in the English language but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 A(3) an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted herewith.

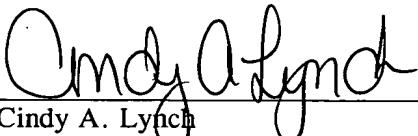
The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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